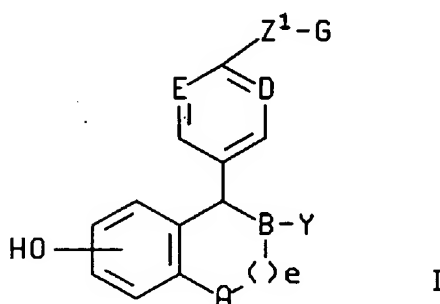


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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1.-22. (canceled)

23. (new) A method of inhibiting inflammatory bowel disease in a mammal, the method comprising administering to a mammal in need of inhibition of inflammatory bowel disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of formula I



wherein:

A is selected from CH₂ and NR;

B, D and E are independently selected from CH and N;

Y is

- (a) phenyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴;
- (b) naphthyl, optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴;
- (c) C₃-C₈ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents independently selected from R⁴;
- (d) C₃-C₈ cycloalkenyl, optionally substituted with 1-2 substituents independently selected from R⁴;
- (e) a five membered heterocycle containing up to two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of -O-, -NR²- and -S(O)_n-, optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴;

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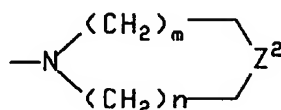
- (f) a six membered heterocycle containing up to two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of -O-, -NR²- and -S(O)_n- optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴; or
- (g) a bicyclic ring system consisting of a five or six membered heterocyclic ring fused to a phenyl ring, said heterocyclic ring containing up to two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of -O-, -NR²-, and -S(O)_n-, optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴;

Z¹ is

- (a) -(CH₂)_p W(CH₂)_q-;
 (b) -O(CH₂)_p CR⁵R⁶-;
 (c) -O(CH₂)_p W(CH₂)_q-;
 (d) -OCHR²CHR³-; or
 (e) -SCHR²CHR³-;

G is

- (a) -NR⁷R⁸;
 (b)



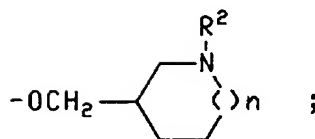
wherein n is 0, 1 or 2; m is 1, 2 or 3; Z² is -NH-, -O-, -S-, or -CH₂-; optionally fused on adjacent carbon atoms with one or two phenyl rings and, optionally independently substituted on carbon with one to three substituents and, optionally, independently on nitrogen with a chemically suitable substituent selected from R⁴; or

- (c) a bicyclic amine containing five to twelve carbon atoms, either bridged or fused and optionally substituted with 1-3 substituents independently selected from R⁴;

Z¹ and G in combination may be

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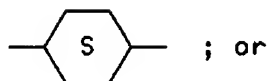


W is

- (a) $-\text{CH}_2-$;
- (b) $-\text{CH}=\text{CH}-$;
- (c) $-\text{O}-$;
- (d) $-\text{NR}^2-$;
- (e) $-\text{S}(\text{O})_n-$;
- (f)



- (g) $-\text{CR}^2(\text{OH})-$;
- (h) $-\text{CONR}^2-$;
- (i) $-\text{NR}^2\text{CO}-$;
- (j)



- (k) $-\text{C}\equiv\text{C}-$;

R is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;R² and R³ are independently

- (a) hydrogen; or
- (b) C₁-C₄ alkyl;

R⁴ is

- (a) hydrogen;
- (b) halogen;
- (c) C₁-C₆ alkyl;
- (d) C₁-C₄ alkoxy;
- (e) C₁-C₄ acyloxy;
- (f) C₁-C₄ alkylthio;

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- (g) C₁-C₄ alkylsulfinyl;
- (h) C₁-C₄ alkylsulfonyl;
- (i) hydroxy (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- (j) aryl (C₁-C₄)alkyl;
- (k) -CO₂H;
- (l) -CN;
- (m) -CONHOR;
- (n) -SO₂NHR;
- (o) -NH₂;
- (p) C₁-C₄ alkylamino;
- (q) C₁-C₄ dialkylamino;
- (r) -NHSO₂R;
- (s) -NO₂;
- (t) -aryl; or
- (u) -OH.

R⁵ and R⁶ are independently C₁-C₈ alkyl or together form a C₃-C₁₀ carbocyclic ring;

R⁷ and R⁸ are independently

- (a) phenyl;
- (b) a C₃-C₁₀ carbocyclic ring, saturated or unsaturated;
- (c) a C₃-C₁₀ heterocyclic ring containing up to two heteroatoms, selected from -O-, -N- and -S-;
- (d) H;
- (e) C₁-C₆ alkyl; or
- (f) form a 3 to 8 membered nitrogen containing ring with R⁵ or R⁶;

R⁷ and R⁸ in either linear or ring form may optionally be substituted with up to three substituents independently selected from C₁-C₆ alkyl, halogen, alkoxy, hydroxy and carboxy;

a ring formed by R⁷ and R⁸ may be optionally fused to a phenyl ring;

e is 0, 1 or 2;

m is 1, 2 or 3;

n is 0, 1 or 2;

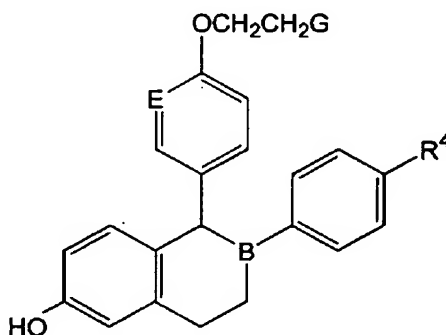
p is 0, 1, 2 or 3; and

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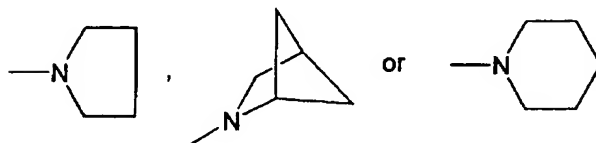
q is 0, 1, 2 or 3;

or an optical or geometric isomer thereof; or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

24. (new) A method of inhibiting inflammatory bowel disease in a mammal, the method comprising administering to a mammal in need of inhibition of inflammatory bowel disease a therapeutically effective amount of a compound of the formula



wherein G is



25. (new) A method of Claim 23 wherein the compound of formula I is selected from the group consisting of: